

PRESENT: Supervisor Newlin; Councilmember Bax, Edwards, Johnson and Pacioni; Village Mayor Soluri; Village Trustees Collesano, Geiben, Kenney and Marra; Police Chief Winkley, Police Sgt. Previte; Police Commissioner S'dao, Press and Clerk Donna Garfinkel.

Winkley requests an increase in the Uniform Traffic Parking Summons fee charge within the Town. The Village has scheduled a Public Hearing, in May, to increase the Village fee.

The 2006 Body Armor Grant is being discussed with the Town Grant Writer. This is a Federal Grant that reimburses half the cost of a vest, with the other half being paid out of seizure dollars.

The Police Social Club sponsored a Senior Center dinner dance on April 21, 2006. It was well attended and all enjoyed.

Winkley gave an updated on a bank robbery that took place in the City of Niagara Falls. Officer John Penzotti assisted in apprehending the suspect while off-duty. Winkley and Previte have been meeting with representatives from banks located in Lewiston to discuss safety procedures for just such an incident.

Winkley presented the 1st Quarter Statistics report. Calls for service are down compared to 2005.

Sgt. Previte organized and conducted an emergency drill at the Lewiston-Porter School campus. It was a combined effort with the Town of Niagara and Lewiston Police Depts. and local Fire Depts. The school faculty and staff were thrilled to participate. The feedback has been very positive. The Officers were able to practice their tactical response to a school shooting. It has been discussed to do this type of operation once a year. Niagara Wheatfield, Stella Niagara and St. Peters will also do this.

Sgt. Previte is looking into some type of satellite system that can be "refreshed" to show you "real-time" pictures of the area. It was suggested he contact Assistant Engineer John Sharpe who has a lot of training in the GIS system. Discussion on the wireless internet to be available in the Village and how it could be utilized by the Police Dept.

A Department Celebration has been scheduled for May 11, 2006, at the Brick Yard in recognition of LPD Awards recipients. It is being sponsored by the owners of the Brick Yard and Modern Disposal. It was suggested a joint Proclamation be given to Officer Penzotti for his bravery at the bank robbery incident.

The union contract has been signed for the Police Dept. Part of the contract is the 384E Plan for retirement. There is a \$5,000 sign-up fee, with the Plan costing \$180,000. The Village and Town need to discuss payment options.

Discussion on personnel. Officer Passanese will complete her training in approximately a month. She must pass the field training in order to become an officer.

Discussion on the Town Police working with the Town of Porter. If there is an incident in Porter where an officer is definitely needed, Lewiston will respond. The Town has no jurisdiction on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation. The State and Border Patrol answer their calls.

Soluri suggested Winkley attend an Elected Leaders meeting, sponsored by the Chamber, and give the merits of a regional Police Dept.

Soluri reminded all of an upcoming Economic Summit.

Geiben voiced his concern on the I & I at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Bax said if Lockhart comes within 10% of the peak load, the DEC must be notified.

Discussion on a letter submitted by Soluri, in December, to Newlin in regards to the NYPA Greenway dollars. Newlin said until it is known what an appropriate project use of the greenway dollars is; it is difficult to say what the Town will be doing.

Johnson suggested a representative for Lewiston be appointed to the Greenway Committee.

Soluri said there are two groups, a government and a citizens group. The Lewiston Chamber has attended the citizens meetings.

Soluri spoke of a Federal TEP grant, which is similar to the ISTEA grant, which is available. It is an 80 / 20 grant. The information has been forwarded to Bernie Rotella.

Discussion on the Village utilizing the Town salt barn. Newlin will ask Reiter to forward options to the Village.

Johnson asked if the Village would be interested in sitting down to discuss some consolidations efforts. Soluri said there should always be dialog.

Soluri MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters, Seconded by Johnson and Carried Unan.

Soluri MOVED to close Executive Session and reconvene the meeting, Seconded by Johnson and Carried Unan.

No actions taken.

Meeting adjourned – 6:40 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted and Transcribed,

Donna Garfinkel
Deputy Town Clerk